Of the ten oil-cloth factories in the United States, five are in Maine.

The Danbury News says that the reason school-boys delight to dig and explore caves, is because of the recesses there.

The great Prussians, Bismarck and Von Moltke, are said to be jealous of each other and avoid meeting. Very Since the District of Columbia has

been changed to a territory, the Washington papers want "District of" drop-

Trust not too exclusively to misgivings, any more than to hopes; fact is the only real ground for just expectation. Abide them by reasoning from facts, and always let your motto behope for the best.

The ambition of a man of parts very often disappointed for the want of some common quality, by the assistance of which men with very moderate abilities are capable of making a great

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Wm. R. Schroeder, lately book-keepers for Cook, Coburn & Co., the great Chi-cago advertising agents, pleaded guilty to the larceny of \$17,000, and was sen-tenced to two years in the penitentiary. It is a beautiful thought in some Ori

ental lands to leave untouched the fruits that are shaken from the trees by the wind, these being regarded as sacred to poor and stranger. In order to get an enemy, lend a man

a small sum of money for a day. Wait two months. In three months insist upon his paying you. He will be angry, denounce you, and ever after speak of you in abusive terms.

"Miss, will you take my arm?" askan old bachelor. "La, yes, and you too," said the young lady. "Can only spare the arm, Miss," hastily replied the bachelor. "Then," said Miss, "I can't take it, as my motto is to go the hole hog or none at all."

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HOMINY CAKES .- One pint of boiled nominy well mashed, one-half pint of sifted flour, one egg, one tablespoonful of melted lard or butter, sweet milk enough to make a rather thin batter, a teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of soda, sifted with the flour, and two of cream a tarter. Drop the batter small on griddle.

The Gatesville (Texas) Frontiersman notices a remarkable evidence of the prolific nature of the surrounding counprofile nature of the surrounding country. It speaks of tremendous potatoes, immense cabbages, big beets, and stupendous turnips, but caps all by announcing that the wife of Elisha Kinsey had, a day or two before presented him with four bouncing boys, all at one birth! Elisha was translated.

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If a cat doth meet a cat upon a garden wall, and if a cat doth greet a cat, O, need they both to squall? Every Tommy has his Tabby waiting on the wall and yet he welcomes her approach by an unearthly yawl. And if a kitten wish to court upon the garden wall, why dont he sit and sweetly smile, and not stand up and bawl, and lift his preclous back up high, and show his teeth and moan, as if 'twere colic more than love that made that feller roam.

Typhoid Fever.

It has been proved that typhoid fever may be entirely prevented by taking care that drinking water is absolutely free from the foul matters of common sewers. That typhoid fever is directly traceable to foul water has been proved over and over again. One case is horribly instructive. The excreta from a fever patient leaked into a well; a milkman mixed this well water with his milk, and in every house at which he milk, and in every house at which he sold milk one or more persons fell ill with typoid fever. We are tempted to ask: Can such things be in a nation calling itself civilized? especially as various means exist by which the contamination of water can be prevented? The subject is one to which public attention should be unceasingly directed.

A Runaway Wife's Farewell.

A married woman in Kansas, who re-cently cloped with a physician, left the following unique note for her husband: following unique note for her husband:

"Dear Hubby,—You're played out. I like Dr.—so well that I prefer going with him,—you good-for-nothing, degenerated cuss. It's none of your business where we have gone to. It won't do you a bit of good to follow us, for I would not live another day with you to save your life. You made a mistake in thinking I loved you. I never did. I married you for convenience sake. I take the baby along, and I'll take care of take the baby along, and I'll take care of it. You can sue for a divorce. Get married as soon as you please. The woman who gets you next will have a healthy old prize. Good-bye. Be vir-tuous and you'll be happy. Your LATE WIFE.

Indian Outrages.

A dispatch from Austin, Texas, dated the 12th, says, Keard & Miller's train, leaded with bacon, from Chihushua for leaded with bacon, from Chihushua for Fort Bacon, was attacked near the boundary line by a band of Indians. Keard and his wife and five other Americans were killed. The Chihushua frontier ioops pursued the Indians across the boundary into the United States, and killed and captured eighty of them. The United States troops at Fort Goodwin went to protect the Indians, and came in collision with the Mexicans. A fight ensued, in which the commanding fight ensued, in which the commanding officer at Fort Goodwin and forty American soldiers were killed. The Mexican soldiers numbered 200.

Hon. Jacob M. Howard, who, until March, 4 last, was United States Senator from Michigan, died in Detroit on Sunday moraing last. He was stricken with something like spoplexy on Friday, 31st, and passed into unconsciousness, from which he never emerged in this world. Mr. Howard was an able, learned lawyer, and made his mark in Congress as a constitutional debater. His gress as a constitutional debater. His gress during the war, and pending reservices during the war, and pending reconstruction, are memorable. Mr. Howard the end of life addicted to drinking. These habits first robbed him of his clear head, and, doubtless shortened his life. His Senatorial term has just expired. At the recent election, Mr. Ferry, then a Representative, was chosen by the Legislature to succed Mr. Howard.

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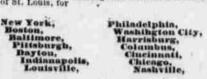
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The hearts of the fair sex are as a general thing, so adamant, that diamonds must be used if one wishes to cut his way into the female heart.

A rural New Yorker has just sold his wife for 25 cents. The market must be overstocked, or else he didn't throw in her harness.

Col. Furnas, of Brownville, has two hundred Chashmere goats—a larger number than is owned by any other man in the county .- Texas Paper.

"You want nothing, do you?" said Pat. "Bedad, an' if its nothing ye want, you'll find it in the jug where the whis-Cy Was,

"Do you like fish-balls, Mr. Wiggins?" Mr. Wiggins, hesitating—"I really don't know, Miss Robinson; I never attended

A medical student says he has never cen able to discover the bone of contention, and desires to know whether it is not situated very near the jawbone? In Wickford, Rhode Island, two, boys

aged eight and six years, were killed by falling in an old cave, near which they were playing.

Jones and his wife agree grandly on ne point; she thinks more of him than of anybody else in the world, and so It may be put down as a fact, that men you see hanging about public places from day to day, are the right material to do all kinds of mischief. They are

the men who become dangerous charac-"If a man bequeathed you a hundred lollars, would you pray for him?" ed a Sunday-school teacher of one of her pupils. "No, but I'd pray for another just like him," was the quick reply.

Habit is like the dropping of water upon a rock. It wears into the life, and the marks it makes can never be effaced without the chisel and hammer of selfdenial and self-discipline.

An elderly darkle on a Texas jury, clal in a very grimy shirt, was admonished by the judge that "gentleman of the jury," should be more decently appareled. And this is the way Sambo enlightened the Court: "O, goddlemighty, massa, I ain't no gentleman."

A HINT TO MOTHERS .- Baby talk i everely denounced by one who has observed bady habits a great deal. Babies are so imitative, and cling so tenaciously to what they learn, that fond mothers should be careful to address them in sound grammatical English. The ponsensical talk indulged in by deyoted parents is said to induce great backwardness in the acquisition of guage of the babe.

A TRUTHFUL SAYING .- Sald Mr. Murray in a late sermon: "Our busi-ness anxiety and effort are of less importance to the world than we think. Three months after I were dead, I would not be missed in this pulpit. Its place would be filled. If any of you should die after a while you would not be missed, even in your own family."

A letter from Germany states that King William's exhaustive demands for men visibly enlarged women's opportunity in Prussia. By a recent order of the Minister of Education, women, who prove themselves qualified, are to be accepted as teachers of modern languages in public schools—a profession hitherto monopolized by the masculine gender.

It is stated, and if true, illustrates the influences at work in New York city government, that Harpers school books have been excluded from the public schools of that city. Tammany Hall does this to punish Harpers' for publishing Nast's caricatures of the Pope.

Rev. T. B. Raylor has been excluded by the Kansas Conference for entertain-ing Swedenborgian and Spiritualistic doctrines. The examination was pro-tracted, the final vote largely against him. He has appealed to the General

The French are great statisticians. They will tell you just the weight of the earth, how many times you breathe per year, and the exact number of pulse beats in Europe. The following estimate will not be so interesting to French-men: Should the French indemnity to Germany be paid at one time in gold, a train of freight cars one and three fourths English miles long would be required to carry it home, and a train of twenty-six English miles, if paid in silver. If distributed in gold, each one of the German soldiers in France would receive five pounds, and sixty-one pounds if distributed in silver. If paid in five hundred franc notes, two freight cars, carrying 10,000 pounds each. would be required to carry the indemnity to Ger-

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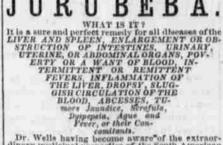
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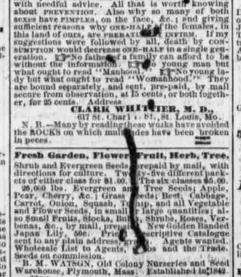
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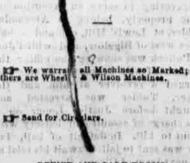
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